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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Special Requirements Staff, DPD-DD/P


SUBJECT : Photo Coverage of Cuba

1. This division is aware of the memorandum from the Chief, Western Hemisphere Division, dated 25 March 1960, a copy of which is attached as Tab A, requesting coverage of the Isle of Pines. I am also aware of your recent efforts to insure that Agency requirements for coverage of Cuba, including the Isle of Pines, are met through existing photography or through proposed reconnaissance operations by other agencies in this same area. Attachment B, for the record, reflects what you have done.

2. However, on 8 April 1960, this division was advised by the Chief, Western Hemisphere Division, that DD/P has an urgent requirement for complete and, if possible, concurrent coverage of all of Cuba, and prompt processing and access to the information to support operational plans which may have to be executed at any time. At the time you convened those representatives of the ARC involved, this requirement had not been presented.

3. In view of the foregoing, Hq USAF will be asked to approve a request to Strategic Air Command to acquire the desired photo coverage with SAC U-2's. When necessary approvals have been obtained you will be advised, and at that time you may inform PIC and the Navy that no requirements will be levied against the Navy inasmuch as the need will be met by the Air Force.

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Colonel USAF
Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

Attachments: as stated

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